SPAWAR and Industry Collaborate at Executive Network

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SAN DIEGO – SPAWAR and the local chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) co-sponsored the SPAWAR / Industry Executive Network session Jan. 24, at the Admiral Kidd Conference Center.

The session was an executive-level information exchange among military, government, and industry leaders on topics of mutual interest such as PEO C4I and Space, FORCEnet and contracting initiatives.

After a brief introduction by Jim Lasswell, President of the NDIA San Diego Chapter, Scott Randall, Deputy Commander of SPAWAR, discussed SPAWAR's new initiatives, the SPAWAR Enterprise Strategic Plan, and the 2005 Commander's Guidance.

Jim Churchill, PEO C4I and Space Director of Plans and Policy, followed Randall with a presentation discussing PEO C4I and Space organizational changes, the C4I Integrated Roadmap, focus areas for 2005, and the Lead Systems Integrator (LSI).

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Churchill explained that LSI's major objective is to transfer work to industry that belongs to industry and focus PEO C4I & Space more on acquisition vice engineering efforts.

Tom Higbee, SPAWAR Chief Engineer Executive Director, then discussed that the objective of reorganizing SPAWAR 05 is to optimize talent to accomplish the "Main Mission / Task " – transforming information into decisive effects by successfully delivering FORCEnet.

Captain Barbette Lowndes, Deputy Director of Contracts, followed Higbee with a presentation on SPAWAR contracting developments.

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